

DOLL FOR LITTLE MAID

Colonel Biddle is Determined to Make Orphan Girl Happy Christmas.

HAS NEVER SEEN LITTLE ONE

Drew a Doll at a Charity Entertainment and Then Got Interesting Letter.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—A little fatherless girl from Hampton, Va., who is now visiting a family in Washington, is going to be made happy on Christmas morning by Col. John Biddle, engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Colonel Biddle has never seen the little girl, but he has received a letter from a Hampton lady concerning her, and he feels that it will be a pleasure to make the little maid's eyes shine on Christmas morning when she sees the great big doll he will send her. Some days ago Colonel Biddle drew a magnificent doll and doll's trousseau at a charity entertainment and rally, as to the child who would receive it. To-day he received the letter from a Hampton lady, of which the following is an extract:

"The little girl I mention is just crazy over dolls and dolls, and I make her doll clothes because she has such a good deal of her things. If I had the means I would get her a nice new doll to take the place of the old, dilapidated one she now has. This little girl is now visiting in Washington, so if you want to make a good child happy just send my—"

"She is a fatherless child, but the people she stays with in Washington are very kind to her. Don't think I am selfish, but I do want to see if I can't get her a really handsome doll, even if she is the child of working people."
The Hampton lady gave Colonel Biddle the address of the family with whom the little girl is staying. Colonel Biddle has already promised the doll he bought to a certain little girl, but he said to-day that there was no doubt that this little Virginia girl would have a fine doll when she got up on the morning of Christmas day.

GENERAL WOOD WRITES TO THE DEPARTMENT

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The War Department has made public a letter from General Leonard Wood, dated December 22, to the Adjutant General of the army, in which he said, "I have the honor to invite your attention to the statements made in the editorial columns of the New York Sun of December 24, 4th, 6th and 10th, and which clearly charged me with the conduct of a most censurable character—perhaps contemptible—would be better worded. I also invite your attention to the source from which the paper claims to have obtained its information, namely, statements of First Lieutenant James E. Rundle, late major United States volunteer cavalry, made to various reliable parties, and to request that the matter be referred to the Inspector General of the army for such action as may be required under the circumstances, or to any other authority which the War Department may deem proper."

Mr. Cleveland's Large Place.

Mr. Cleveland's career seems to be completed. By his absolute refusal to run again for the Presidency, he has put an end to any belief that he was going to make many chapters dealing with the future. There might, there may, in fact, be one or two more chapters in the life of the old man, but they will be private pictures, as fitting an end as any to the narrative of a busy life. There is no living American politician who has been so large upon the horizon of what is already history as Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Roosevelt is extremely prominent, and his chances for appearing large to posterity are good, but he will be on trial probably for more than half a dozen years to come—perhaps until his trial is over his appearance to the future will be uncertain. Mr. Cleveland has lived a life of such high character and high achievement, and his name is so firmly established, not only in the short list of greatest Americans, but in that other list, also brief, of those who have done great things for their country, that his place in history is secure. He has made many enemies, but they are largely among those, whether politicians or private benefactors, who have been his opponents. He has been identified with the cause of the poor, and his influence has been greater in the West than in the East. He has been identified with the cause of the poor, and his influence has been greater in the West than in the East. He has been identified with the cause of the poor, and his influence has been greater in the West than in the East.

SPECIAL TRAIN ON SOUTHERN ROAD

Delegates to the American Economic Association to Pass Through Richmond.

A special train bearing the delegates from the North to the American Economic and American Historical Association Convention, which meets in New Orleans from December 28th to January 1st, will pass through Richmond, via the Southern Railway, on Saturday.
The train will reach here at 3:30 P. M., and will leave an hour later, reaching Atlanta at 11 A. M.
There will be about one hundred passengers on the train, which will consist of one combination car, one dining car, three sleepers, one seven star room, dining room and observation car, and will be fully equipped for convenience and pleasure.
The convention at New Orleans will be a large one, with several thousand delegates.
This train will be enlarged on its trip down. The delegates will return by the way of Chattanooga.

Mr. William Dupuy, of Blackstone, Va., and Mr. Robert Boyd, of Charlotte county, are at the Memorial Hospital for treatment.

U. S. SENATOR FROM ARKANSAS RECOMMENDS PE-RU-NA.



Hon. B. F. Rice, ex-U. S. Senator from Arkansas, now a resident of Oklahoma, in a recent letter from Washington, D. C., says:
"The use of Peru-na for all catarrhal troubles has been so universally approved and has been used with such beneficial results by many of my friends that I fully recommend its great curative qualities."
Hon. B. F. Rice.

Catarrh Poisons.

Catarrh is capable of changing all the life-giving secretions of the body into scalding fluids, which destroy and inflame every part they come in contact with. Applications to the places affected by catarrh can do little good save to soothe or quiet disagreeable symptoms. Hence it is that gargarisms, sprays, atomizers and inhalants only serve as temporary relief. So long as the irritating secretions of catarrh continue to be formed so long will the membranes continue to be inflamed, no matter what treatment is used.

There is but one remedy that has the

desirable effect, and that remedy is Peru-na. This remedy strikes at once to the roots of catarrh by restoring to the capillary vessels their healthy elasticity. Peru-na is not a temporary palliative, but a radical cure.

Send for Dr. Hartman's latest book, sent free for a short time. Address The Peru-na Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peru-na, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

TO BUILD A SHIP CANAL

Project to Connect Delaware and Chesapeake Bays by Big Waterway.

BILL PENDING IN THE HOUSE

Canal Will be of Great Value, Especially to the Eastern Section of the State.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The people of Eastern Virginia have never appreciated, perhaps, the advantage which is to be derived by that section from the construction of the ship canal connecting the Chesapeake and Delaware bays. This is assuming that the bill, which is now pending in the House, providing for the construction of the canal, becomes a law, of which there is reasonable prospect.

The waterway will be of immense value to the eastern section of the State especially, and the States of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and, indeed, the entire Middle State coast, will be greatly benefited should the canal be built. The effect of the building of the canal would be the creation of an inland waterway from Philadelphia to Newport News, and an avoidance of the heavy tolls which are encountered on the outside routes at present, and which cause the loss every year of many lives and probably millions of dollars' worth of shipping.

Representative Jones, of the First Virginia District, is at least one of the Virginia congressmen who will attend the dinner to be given by the citizens of Wilmington on the 8th of January, at which a concerted effort will, perhaps, be undertaken to urge the construction of the canal. Mr. Jones is especially interested in the enterprise, for the reason that it will greatly benefit the people whom he represents in Congress to have the canal constructed.

"I hope to be present at the banquet," said Senator Allee, of Delaware, to-day, "though business may detain me elsewhere. I consider the enterprise one of vital importance to Delaware, and one in which the people of all the States on the Atlantic coast are more or less interested, because of the benefits it will confer upon those engaged in the coastwise trade."

"It is entirely prepared to commit myself upon the practicability of the various routes suggested," continued the senator. "There are things to be said in favor of the adoption of each route proposed. It is estimated that the proposed route will effect a saving in time of thirteen and three-quarter hours, while the air line—the Queenstown and Centerville routes—will save sixteen and one-quarter hours."

It is estimated, however, that the Chesapeake River route would not cost over \$16,000,000, while the other route would cost much more than twice that

amount. The saving of time effected by the more costly route would be so small as to hardly warrant the great increase in cost. The more northerly the route the less the number of bridges which would have to be constructed for the railroad, and the cost of the waterway, which the canal would run, would be less. The board of engineers which examined into this matter has decided that the Back Creek route, which follows closely the line of the existing Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, is the most feasible.

"There is no use constructing the canal unless it is made of sufficient depth and width to permit the passage of ocean-going vessels. The general proposal is for a canal 100 feet at the bottom, 25 or 27 feet deep at mean low water, 150 feet wide at low water, and with locks at least 600 feet long and 60 feet wide."

So far as commerce is concerned a canal connecting the two bays will insure especially to the benefit of the coastwise trade. Such a canal must eventually form a link in a chain of interior navigation routes, passing to the north and through the waters of New York harbor. By some it is claimed, and as it affords the minimum of restricted canal way and the minimum of tolls.

Senator Allee discussed at some length the difference in cost of the proposed routes, and gave it as his opinion that while the government could scarcely be called upon to spend thirty million dollars on a project, it should and could spend ten millions or fifteen millions, which would be sufficient to construct such a canal.

A Split Propheesied.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BALTIMORE, N. C., Dec. 23.—A prominent Republican of Rowan is authority for the opinion that there will be a significant split in the ranks of that party at the next congressional convention. It is confidently predicted that Blackburn will receive the nomination, and that he will receive a fair division of Rowan's strength. It is also predicted that the county will have a temperance fight on before the next election.

COL. LANE SUBMITS HIS FIRST REPORT

Makes Interesting Recommendations as to Hospitals.

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The State hospitals for the insane represent in land, buildings and furniture a permanent investment, up to October 1, 1907, of \$1,421,077. The annual disbursements for officers' salaries, wages of employees and all ordinary expenditures for maintenance the sum of \$384,983.63.

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DISCUSSING BOND ISSUE

Money to be Raised for the Purchase of the Friar Lands in the Philippines.

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR

Price Paid Is a Little Upward of Seven Millions of Dollars.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt and Secretary Root and Shaw had an extended conference to-day regarding the issue of bonds for the raising of money with which to pay for the friar lands in the Philippines.

Secretary Root is in receipt of a cable from Governor Taft announcing that the contracts for the purchase of the lands were signed yesterday afternoon. The provision for payment Governor Taft indicates is that the government shall use due diligence in the necessary surveys, examination of title and sale of bonds, and shall consummate the purchase within a period not exceeding six months from the date of contract. Unless new surveys shall differ materially from the Villegas survey the exact amount of the purchase of the land is \$7,275,784. The lands to be purchased aggregate 291,000 acres.

Governor Taft's cablegram concludes: "As soon as your recommendation is received, will pass act reciting making of contract, and authorize you to issue bonds much the same form as to authorizing issues certificates of indebtedness." At the conference to-day it was determined to authorize the issue of \$7,000,000 of four per cent. Philippine bonds, redeemable after ten and within thirty years. They will be offered for sale early in January. An act of the last Congress provided for the issue of such bonds. They will be issued by the government as security for the deposit of public funds.

Some details concerning the issue of the bonds yet have to be worked out, but no doubt is expressed that a security market for them will be found in this country. During the past seven months an aggregate of 40,000,000 of four per cent. Philippine bonds have been issued and floated in the United States in batches of \$3,000,000 each. More than half of these bonds are now on deposit with the government as security for public money. The bonds previously issued were sold on terms regarded as favorable to the government, each at a figure above par, the last of them at 105. It is believed that the forthcoming issue also will bring a good price.

VIRGINIA BRIEFS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Dec. 23.—A grand jury extended by Frank Ward, John Dood, Frank Moore and Nicholas Albano to Joseph Miller, a United States marshal, who is charged with receiving ship Franklyn, at this yard, may cost them dearly. They have been arrested by the United States authorities and will be prosecuted for aiding and abetting desertion from the naval service, an offense punishable in time of peace by a fine of \$2,000 and imprisonment, and in time of war by death.

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Tempting Offerings to Complete Your Xmas Buying!

Prices Rule One-Third Lower To-Day!

It's the time when most of your gifts are bought you have come to the remnant of your money. We want to accommodate our prices to your limited purse, hence these extravagant price reductions on garments that are seasonable and greatly in demand.

Come to-day if you would save money.

Fine Coats for Gifts.

Tight-Fitting Coat, of best quality imported covert, back, front and sleeves have bands of fancy stitching, entire coat lined with finest quality satin; a beautifully tailored and perfectly fitting garment, valued up to \$20, special to-day \$15.00

Very Dressy Coat of best quality Kersey, in castor or black, fitted back double breasted front, military capes over shoulder, trimmed in fancy silk braid and ornaments, satin lined throughout, valued at \$25.00, special to-day \$17.50

Very Fine Black Zibeline Coat, tight fitting back, double breasted front, double capes over shoulder, piped in satin, trimmed in ornaments, velvet collar and cuffs, satin lined, an extremely dressy Coat; valued at \$30.00, special to-day \$20.00

The cut price sale on Children's Garments will continue to-day to enable all those who have not supplied their wants for their little ones; they would do well to come here to-day; a purchase now means two dollars cost instead of three.

Fine Furs Greatly Reduced.

Misses' and Children's Sets, Ladies' Beaver Scarf.

In Fox Seal Mink, Beaver, Thibet and Ermine, prices 98c. to \$7.50

Here are three special prices to guide you:

At 98c Set worth \$1.35, of Ermine, with round muff and flat collar, lined with satin.

At \$1.88 Set worth \$2.25, of light ornaments, \$1.50 value, for Squirrel and Marten Scarfs, bat wing style or stole front, also Sable Fox and Sable Opossum Scarfs with cape effect, cord and tassel; \$15.00 value, for \$12.50

At \$2.48 Set worth \$3.00, of light Brook muffs with round muff and double neck scarf, cluster of six Fox tails.

with wide, round collar and six cluster tails, chain fastening, \$5 value, for \$3.98

Scarfs, in imitation mink, with braid ornaments and chenille ends, also long flat stoles, with double collar in Brook Mink; \$7.50 grade, special to-day \$5.98

Sable Opossum Scarfs, lined with satin and six tails, Brook Mink with stole, double fur, with braid ornament, \$9.50 value, special to-day \$7.50

Squirrel Collar, with six large Fox tails and Mink stoles, either double fur or satin lined, \$13.50 value, at \$10.98

Light and Dark Brook Mink, in Scarfs and Stole effect, with braid trimming and four Fox tails; also genuine Marten Bat Wing style, with braid ornaments; \$15.00 value, for \$13.50

Squirrel and Marten Scarfs, bat wing style or stole front, also Sable Fox and Sable Opossum Scarfs with cape effect, cord and tassel; \$15.00 value, for \$12.50

Muffs to match in Marten, Sable and Isabella Fox, Squirrel and Seal Mink, \$1.50 to \$2.50

Fancy Neckwear.

An assortment of the latest designs in Silk, Washable and Lace Stocks, white or colors, with lace medallions, Persian trimming of 12 1/2c

Popular Hand Bags.

Leather Handle or Chain Wrist Bags, in innumerable skins, some fitted with purse, card case and vinegrette; the largest assortment of fine-grade Bags in the city, suitable for gifts, 50c. to \$16.50

Fans of All Grades.

White and Black Silk Gauze Fans, with steel or gilt handles, 50c. to \$3.75

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Umbrella Specials.

A specially useful gift for the little ones is a good quality Gloria Umbrella, tight rolling frame, steel rod and natural wood or horn handles, special price, 98c

Ladies' Umbrellas of fine floral, natural wood handles, cord and tassel and taffeta silk cover, worth \$2.00, for \$1.50

Selvage Edge Taffeta or Gloria, silver or gold handle, cord and tassel, extra fine values, \$5 and \$10, for \$3.50

Better qualities in Ladies' Umbrellas. Also an assortment of Gent's Umbrellas, suitable for holiday gifts.

will be delivered papers, was held up by two men on Jefferson Street, last night. The man ordered the driver to stop at the point of a pistol to give them what money he had. He replied that he had none and was allowed to go.

Miss Daisy Crowder, of Dinwiddie county, and Mr. Arthur L. Horne, of Sussex, were married at High Street Church parsonage last evening by the pastor, Rev. George B. Booker.

Miss Lucas A. Wynn and Mr. A. W. Elmore were married last evening at 9 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Thomas, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church. Mr. Elmore and his bride are residents of Dinwiddie county.

To Annul Adoption.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 23.—A suit has been instituted here by E. L. Bell and others against Mary F. Jones, widow of the late George M. Jones, and Gertrude Mabel Kelly (called Mabel Lillie Jones) and others, to set aside the alleged adoption by George M. Jones and Mary F. Jones, his wife, of Gertrude Mabel Kelly. This suit is brought in connection with a suit to set aside the will of George M. Jones.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS

A Christmas breakfast for the homeless men of Richmond will be given at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning at the Methodist Institute, Nineteenth and Main Streets. There will be turkey and ham and plum pudding in plenty, all furnished by a few friends of the Institute. Every homeless man, including those to be paroled to-day by Justice Crutchfield, will be welcomed.

The Advocate on Bassett.

The Christian Advocate expresses itself as surprised at the action of the trustees of Trinity College, N. C., in retaining Professor Bassett, who has recently come out on the negro question, and thinks he should go to more congenial latitude.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Robb.

Mrs. Elizabeth Toler Robb died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of A. P. Hill, Chase of Confederate Veterans. Mr. Robb was employed as buyer for J. B. Worth & Co., peanut dealers, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

A widow, who was Miss Helen Danforth, of Prince George, and five children survive him. They are Mrs. Herbert A. Street, Folk Miller-Childers Co., First and Broad Streets, Richmond.

NEWSBOY HELD UP.

Samuel Stevens, Jr., a little boy who

"SWEAR OFF" PERMANENTLY!
"Orin" will help you to keep your pledge. It is a scientific preparation in powder form, an excellent tonic and never fails to cure the drink habit. The craving for liquor never returns. Enclosed by the best physicians in the country. \$1 per box, 6 boxes for \$5. Polk Miller Drug Co., No. 231 East Main Street, Folk Miller-Childers Co., First and Broad Streets, Richmond.

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